

United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service

Florida Crop Progress and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 19, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from 0.03 inches in Frostproof (Polk County) to 2.76 inches in Palmdale (Glades County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 78.6°F in DeFuniak Springs (Walton County) to 84.0°F in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County). Another week with beneficial amounts of rainfall across most of the state. Reports this week were of favorable growing conditions. No major weather events or insect pressures were reported, and general comments were that it was a good week in terms of the growing season.

Citrus

Temperatures were about average all week in citrus producing counties. Afternoon highs were in the upper 80s to the mid 90s. About half of the monitored rain stations had above average rainfall. The most was in Palmdale (Glades County) at 2.76 inches, followed by Okeechobee (Okeechobee County) at 2.35 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated June 14, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Grove activity consisted of general grove care in productive groves. Growers are using the off-season for chemical mowing, herbiciding, and fertilizing as well as repairing irrigation pumps, drip line systems and micro sprinklers. Caretakers continue to take out old non-productive trees, and plant new trees. Some growers are planting new varieties of tangerines in place of oranges. Other grove activities included daily irrigation and brush removal.

Fruits and Vegetables

There are still some cucumbers and squash being harvested in Bradford County. Potato and strawberry harvests are nearly complete. Crops coming to market this week include avocado, bitter melon, boniato, lychee, malanga, okra, and other tropical fruits. Reports from the central and southern counties indicate that the vegetable crops are in good condition.

Livestock and Pastures

Another week with adequate levels of rainfall have most pastures in good shape with plenty of moisture. With a high heat index, some pastures that previously had standing water were able to dry out. Cattle and pastures throughout the state are reported to be in mostly good condition.

Field Crops

Planting has wrapped up for the corn, cotton, peanut, and soybean crops in the Panhandle counties. Farmers in Orange and Seminole Counties were not able to cut much hay this week due to the wet conditions. Farmers in the southern part of the state reported that the weather this week was ideal for fieldwork.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/19/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short Short Adequate Surplus	3 15 66 16	4 24 57 15	6 25 62 7	

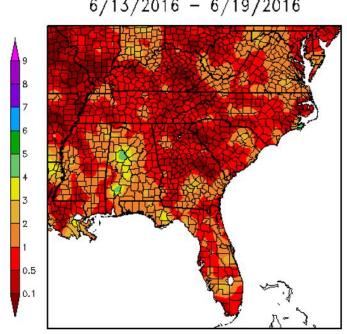
Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/19/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted	100	97	99	98
Peanuts - Pegging	22	4	15	14

Condition for week ending 06/19/16

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Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)			
Cattle	0	3	25	65	7			
Pasture & Range	3	8	33	45	11			
Peanuts	0	1	34	55	10			

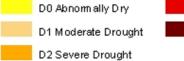
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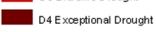


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U.S. Drought Monitor Florida







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